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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Middle East Developments [REDACTED]

1. The Middle East Ad Hoc Working Group met in the National Indications Center conference room at 1000, 25 June 1970. Based on a discussion of selected topics, the working group considered the following comments appropriate.
2. Soviet Israeli Confrontation. Recent Israeli flights over the UAR are designed in part to test Soviet reactions. The helicopter borne raid on 22-23 June demonstrated that the Israelis will cross into areas that the Soviets are committed to defend. We believe that the Soviets would shoot down Israeli aircraft but that the Israelis will not be deterred. Both sides realize that engagement is probable. It may be that the Soviets will feel that they have to do more--take the next step--to dissuade the Israelis, but this probably will be a military one not political.

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